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## Corps begins annual drawdown at Sayers Dam

**Baltimore**--The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, will begin Nov. 15 the first phase of its annual winter drawdown at Foster Joseph Sayers Dam near Howard, Pa.

During this gradual drawdown, the Corps will lower the water level in the lake by five feet over the next two weeks. Later this winter, a second drawdown is planned which will lower the lake level an additional 15 feet. The start of the second drawdown will be based on conditions within the watershed later this winter.

Corps officials note this drawdown will serve to provide additional flood control storage during the normal spring runoff and will minimize potential water quality problems in the lake. The Corps plans to begin refilling the lake in the spring.

In addition, the drawdown is part of an effort to reduce dust conditions that occasionally develop in the vicinity of the reservoir. As a result of the past several winter drawdowns, no occurrences of dust were reported even though conditions were favorable for dust formation on several occasions.

The Baltimore District is responsible for the operation of 16 dams and reservoirs in New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

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